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EIU COMMENCEMENT MAY 13

CHARLESTON, IL.-More than 1,650 graduates are eligible to participate in the annual Eastern Illinois University Spring Commencement Ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, on Eastern's Library Quad.

Graduates from the Graduate School and the colleges of Business, Education, and Health, Physical Education and Recreation will participate in the 10 a.m. ceremony.

The 2 p.m. ceremony will include the Board of Governors-Bachelor of Arts degree program and the colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Fine Arts, and Applied Sciences.

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EIU President Stan Rives will make remarks and confer degrees on the graduating class. Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities members James Garner of Macomb and Evelyn Kaufman of Chicago will provide greetings on behalf of the governing board for EIU and four other Illinois universities.

Eastern Student Body President Michael Riordan of Country Club Hills and EIU Alumni Association President Tom Gaffigan of Decatur, a 1970 EIU graduate, will also bring greetings to the Class of 1989.

Professor Jerome J. Rooke of the Lumpkin College of Business will serve as faculty marshal during the morning ceremony. Associate Professor Gayle Strader of the College of Applied Sciences is the faculty marshal in the afternoon session.

Miss Celeste Holm, Oscar-winning actress, star of Broadway and television, humanitarian and lifelong contributor of the arts, will receive the University's highest honor, an honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree, at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Miss Holm, whose celebrated career spans 50 years on the stage, in movies and on television, performed at Eastern in October, 1985, to begin the campaign to raise funds for the "Make Room for Art" campaign to build new art studios. She also visited with theatre arts majors and gave them an inside look at a professional theatrical career.